

York dump

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mine shafts and seep into streams and wells.

Eight dairy operations, as well as some poultry facilities and orchard acreage, lay in the immediate and downstream vicinity of the dumpsite.

The women's concern over the problem of milk quality touched home with one of the few men in attendance at the midday session, dairyman Nelson Brenneman, of Spring Grove R1. Brenneman initially discovered the well-drilling rig that led to officials investigation of

plans for the old Sunny Farms acreage.

His land adjoins the portion of land that is earmarked for disposal use by Liqwacon. Liqwacon has applied for a disposal permit, by that licensing has not yet been granted by DER.

Brenneman, who ships to Green's Dairy in York, says that his market officials are concerned because of their memory of the public boycott against milk during the Three Mile Island nuclear plant crisis in March of 1979. Although no radiation was ever found in milk from farms nearby, the publicity surrounding the possibility caused a drop in

retail sales of fluid milk.

So, even though no chemicals may ever turn up in the water for the valleys' dairy cattle, Brenneman says Green's has expressed fear that the dump publicity alone could cause them retail sales problems.

"And that's all it would take for them to cut off pickups to our farm and others nearby in the same situation," he worries. "And, who else is going to come in here and pick it up?"

Similar fears hang over the heads of farm woman Donna Lecrone, a member

of the MAD group, and her husband Michael. The Lecrones raise poultry and fruit on their Seven Valleys R1 farm, just across the valley and a small stream from where Stabatrol plans its disposal vaulting.

Lecrone says that his poultry contractor, Longenecker's Hatchery, is supporting his opposition to the dump, and has already written letters to both elected officials and DER heads.

Many of the women of MAD, disgusted that meeting upon meeting seemed to be getting them

nowhere, recently painted signs and set up picket lines at several spots in York City. Their fight for greater press publicity and increased urban support in the fight against the dump has earned them public declarations against the disposal plans from a variety of sportsmen and outdoor groups, school boards and numerous neighboring municipalities.

They've also dotted the quiet valleys with terse, handlettered signs, each proclaiming in its own individualized way: "We Are Opposed To The Dump."

One deeply involved and vocal member of MAD is Stacy Marsh, Seven Valleys R1. She's the wife of beef and grain farmer Steve Marsh,

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Protest signs against the proposed industrial waste dump have sprung up along the meandering roads through the Green Valley farmland.

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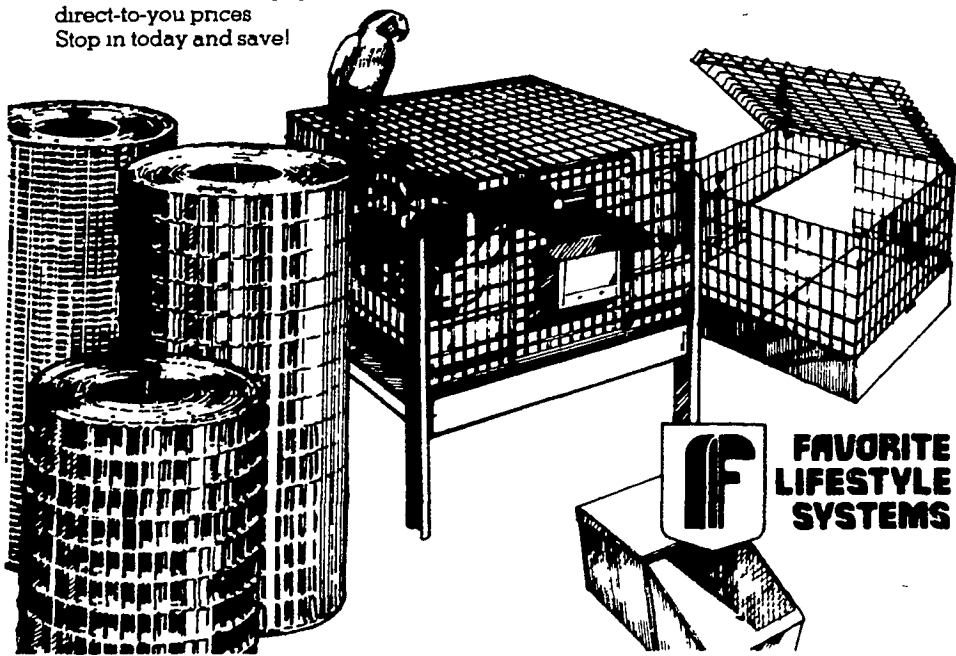
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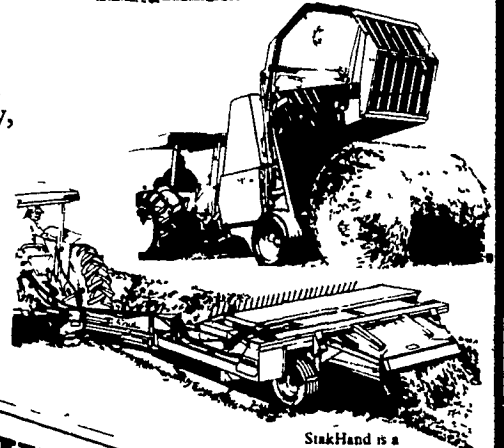
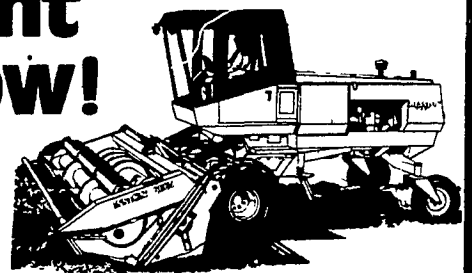
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